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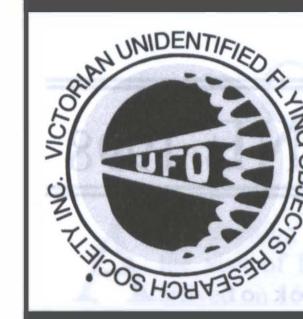
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EDITORIAL

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QUOTE :

Truth will always be truth regardless of lack of understanding, disbelief or ignorance.

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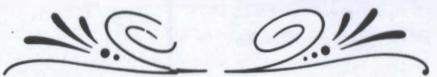
When it comes to thinking about publishing our Bulletin, quite often there is very little activity or material from which to select and one wonders whether or not there will be anything available on time. The Committee is not able, due to work commitments, to spend time writing sufficient articles to fill the whole thirty two pages, and therefore we get to feel much the same as a number of other organisations obviously do. The English Flying Saucer Review, which has been an excellent publication since before I joined this Society in 1958, is now looking for subscribers, while some other publications have gone out of print altogether. (F.S.R. address and price is elsewhere in this Bulletin).

I sometimes wonder if the reason for the apparent loss of interest is due to the fact that many, and probably most, publications waste a great deal of time and paper on the dubious study of "abduction" cases.

Since our inception, over forty years ago, during which time we have had only two presidents, we have found that our members are far more interested in the scientific aspect of UFO reports. Admittedly, there are people who have unusual experiences and require help, but I believe that these are private and should not be "aired" to the extent they are, unless that person sees the event as a monetary gain with notoriety as a plus!

However, slowly the reciprocal publications will begin to come in and we are once again in business, with a selection of interesting material from many overseas areas.

We held an excellent meeting at the Royal Victorian Aero Club, at Moorabbin, with Dr. Richard Haines and hope to have another very good speaker next year. You will now know that when VUFORS says they'll do something, they do! We do not put stickers on doors to say, "get your money back from wherever you got your ticket"! If a meeting is altered or cancelled, we will let members know by sending out a notice, as we did last year. Also, we believe our entry cost was very reasonable. The cost of arranging for quality speakers to be brought from overseas, their accommodation etc. is very expensive and we endeavour to keep costs to a minimum, so that many members are able to attend. This also applies to our membership.



ON THE UFO TRAIL

Paul Norman ©

An interesting week eventuated during the visit of Dr. Richard Haines who arrived on 16th March. Soon after his arrival he was interviewed on radio station 3AW. There was much interest during his lecture on the night of 17th followed by many questions. (A review of the lecture can be found elsewhere in this issue) A good percentage of the audience included pilots ranging from World War two, commercial, private, and airline down to student pilots.

During question time one pilot came forward to report his sighting that occurred the same night Frederick Valentich disappeared while flying over Bass Strait. The pilot who reported that sighting has been invited to speak at our next discussion night and give more details.

VUFORS has several pilot members but we hope to gain more to strengthen our reporting network. All sightings reported by pilots will be referred to Dr. Haines for assessment.

The next day was spent on a trip to Cape Otway courtesy of Jim and Mary-Lou Owen. While travelling along the Great Ocean Road, Dr. Haines took photos of the scenic coastal area where Frederick Valentich flew on his last flight. Dr. Haines was fortunate to have snapped a photo of a Cessna aircraft flying offshore in the same direction as the Valentich flight. While in Apollo Bay, Dr Haines interviewed the key witness, who with three other observers, reported seeing both the Cessna and the green light flying above the aircraft.

On the evening of 19th March, Dr. Haines met with the VUFORS committee where he

interviewed Steve Robey from Melbourne Flight Service, who was in radio contact with Frederick during the encounter. He also visited with the parents of the missing pilot.

We hope that other pilots who attended the Haines lecture will be present at our next meeting June 1st and report other sightings.

Good sightings from witnesses have increased during the past two months, especially those reported on 25th March. (See Victorian sightings in this edition)

On Wednesday 25/3/98 a witness observed an "amazing" object flying horizontally across the observers view about 400 to 500 meters distant and 200 meters high above Westernport Bay. It was twilight, just before sky darkened completely. The object was described as a metallic looking missile type object which emerged from behind a large cypress tree. It was highly illuminated to the point of radiating light around itself and from the observers position appeared to be two meters long. It disappeared leaving what seemed to be two glowing red embers.

When first observed its lines were very sharp but as it moved further from view, flame type projections seemed to be fluttering over the front of the object blurring the lines. The home of the witness is under the flight path of Melbourne to Tasmania air traffic. While watching the embers the witness heard an aircraft high up approaching from the South. Eventually, the aircraft flew over then the witness realized that the object had made no sound of any sort. This and other sightings are being investigated.



Dr. Richard Haines Lecture

Jason Cowland ©

Venue: Royal Victorian Aero Club
Date: Tuesday 17th March 1998
Time: 8:15pm

Dr. Richard Haines is a Senior Research Scientist at the NASA-Ames Research Centre. He is best known for his work with pilots and their UFO sightings. Over the last 30 years he has been investigating the subject, he has amassed over 3000 pilot sighting reports. During his introduction he mentioned that his research has taught him a lot more about Science, Engineering, Optics and Human behaviour. He has also investigated photographic evidence of UFO's but stresses that UFO photos are easily faked, however, points out that there are good UFO photographs.



Paul Norman & Dr. Richard Haines

Dr. Haines commenced the lecture by asking the audience a few questions.

How many pilots are present?

How many people have a science background or education?

How many people have seen what they believe is a UFO?

And finally how many reported the sighting?

Once a show of hands were displayed they dramatically dropped off when the final question was asked. Dr. Haines strongly urged people to report sightings so they can be investigated.

A series of slides were shown to demonstrate the diversity of aircraft and airframes from the Wright Brothers to virtually present day. These included the likes of vintage bi-planes to the P-51 Mustang.

Instrument panels were also shown to give the audience an idea of progress in technology amongst aircraft and cockpit instrumentation and how the volume of information required by a pilot is significantly different than before.

According to Dr Haines there are a number of reasons why he has focused on pilot sightings. The main one being their professional reputation and their excellent training. Also the fact that pilots will have thought of all the possible answers to what they saw before

reporting a UFO. Pilots also have the unique ability to establish distance of a UFO to background, that is, the sighting can take place while the plane is above the UFO, therefore giving the pilot a point of reference in relation to the background. Finally, pilot reports are usually confirmed by ground control giving the sighting greater credibility.

During his 30 years of investigations Dr. Haines has established a percentage break down of what type of pilot has reported a UFO. From his 3000 odd reports from 1916 (WWI) to October 1996, military pilots have reported 52% of these sightings while commercial pilots represent 40%, private pilots 7% and less than 1% for test pilots. Of

Haines Lecture Report

these sightings, most are seen in good weather and 30% are during the day while the remaining 70% account for the night. Approximately 3% of the total reports have experienced electromagnetic effects on instruments when a UFO is close to the aircraft; even dimming of the cabin lights has been reported. These effects have lasted for 5 seconds up to a staggering 180 minutes of flight time.

The rest of the night centred on the 1978 Valentich case. Dr Haines displayed the flight plan which Valentich logged for his flight to King Island as well as a map to illustrate the most probable route Valentich would have taken. After explaining the details of the flight plan and the journey of the flight, a weather map was shown for both the morning and the afternoon of the day of disappearance. This let the audience know of the near perfect flying conditions that were present during the night of 21st October 1978.

The most interesting revelation came when Dr Haines critically examined the official radio

transcript. While slowly dissecting each word of the radio transmission recorded between Valentich and Melbourne International Airport (Tullamarine) on the night in question. Dr Haines was quick to point out that the words in brackets were words in which the official could not identify 100% (due background noise etc.).

The night finished with Dr Haines reciting some UFO cases he has heard of and personally researched himself. One interesting account was that of a B-52 Bomber crew back in 1952, who witnessed some strange spherical objects around their aircraft. Upon reporting this sighting they were interrogated and the whole case was silenced. The crewmember then told Richard Haines that because of his experience after the sighting he would never report a UFO sighting again.

VUFORS thanks Jason Cowland for writing the above report on the Haines Lecture. Jason is a Melbourne based member of VUFORS who hosts his own radio program dedicated to UFO research. "Encounters" can be heard on 97.9FM, Thursday nights at 10:30pm.

MUTUAL UFO NETWORK

CASE BRIEFS: EXPLORATIONS & REVIEW

CHILEAN AIR FORCE ESTABLISHES COMMITTEE ON UFOs

SANTIAGO, CHILE (Reuters) - Chile's Air Force has appointed a committee to compile reports on unidentified flying objects and other unusual aerial occurrences, a government spokesman said Tuesday. A spokesman for Chile's Air-Force-run Civil Aviation Authority confirmed a report published by the daily *La Tercera* about the creation of a three-member Committee for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena. He said the committee would not take reports from ordinary people who claim they have seen flying saucers, but rather from what the Air Force considers more reputable sources.

"We have control tower operators and pilots who have seen unusual objects, not to say flying objects, because we don't know if they were stellar luminous phenomena," he said.

The committee's staff will not work full time on that job, the spokesman said, adding that no budget was specifically assigned for its operation.

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THE RUSSIAN 'ROSWELL'

By Anton A. Anfalov M.S. & Philip Mantle

This case is to Russia what the Roswell Incident is to the USA. On June 30 1908, a huge fireball descended and exploded above the taiga in the Tunguska region of Russia. One of the largest explosions known to man, this well documented event has been chronicled in books and magazines around the world.

Fifty eight years later, at the end of June (or beginning of July according to some versions) 1966, approximately 1300 kilometres west of the 1908 Tunguska site, another strange object came to earth accompanied by yet another huge explosion. There were media reports regarding this incident known as the 'Obsky Meteorite' and it is still officially classified as top secret in Russia today.

Because of the secrecy surrounding this event it was extremely difficult for Moscow based UFO researcher Nikolay Kuzmin to locate and interview the relevant witnesses whose eventual testimonies are thought to be only the tip of the iceberg as far as the 'Obsky Meteorite' is concerned. According to Kuzmin, the Russian military and scientific services have buried the facts of the case so deep, that as yet no official documents have surfaced regarding this case, nor has the exact impact site been located.

The information concerning this case has come from four individual witnesses. Information on this case has only slowly leaked out. The impact site is suspected to be some 10-15 kilometres north-east of the village of Topolevka which is in the Tomsk region (approximately 584 kilometres north-west of Tomsk) in Western Siberia. Nearby are the rivers Ob' and Tryigorodskaya which is the tributary to the river Ob'. This is near the border of the Truemj region and Tomsk region.

1966 was a year of intense UFO activity in the Soviet Union, and it is therefore no surprise to find that this case came in a year of high UFO activity. Moscow geologist Oleg Ivanovich was the first witness located by Kuzmin. Ivanovich recounted the following story:

"In the early part of summer in 1966 I was invited on a geological prospecting expedition along the tributary Tryigorodskaya to the river Ob'. Early in June we had flown from Moscow to Tomsk then by boat up the river. The summer was very hot and it was my first tip to the taiga. The trees provided a marvellous landscape. We were surveying for suspected oil fields and deposits of combustible gases. Unfortunately we did not locate any oil or gas deposits during our surveys.

Unfortunately I do not remember the exact date. We were camped out in the taiga wilderness some 20-30 kilometres north-east of Topolevka. One day we were passing a bog when our cook Valya stumbled into it and was soon up to her waist in mud. Because of this minor accident we stayed at this location for the night. We had a long march to

navigate the next day so we took advantage of the rest. It was during this night that I was awoken with a deafening wail. The noise was coming from the sky somewhere and it hurt my ears to listen to it. The roof of our tent was illuminated by a blinding bright globe approaching us in the sky. Before I had time to run out of my tent the globe exploded. All around us erupted in flames. The trees were alight nearby and such was the intense heat that we took quilts from our beds, soaked them quickly in water, and pulled them over us for protection. It was this quick thinking that quite literally saved us that night.

The next morning the fire had abated somewhat and the forest was charred and black. We gathered what few possessions had survived the fire and decided we had better get out of the area. Moving to the area where we thought the explosion had occurred strange things started to happen. Our compass needle began to spin out of control, our radio set would not work and we began to feel weak and ill. The trees here were laid down in one direction with the tops ripped off as if someone had taken a giant comb to them. It was here that we saw lights, twinkling bright coloured lights. The lights could be seen through the trees and flashing in what looked like a semi-circle. We cautiously moved closer. Raised up out of the bog was a streamlined hull of an object which appeared to be charred and burnt. It looked like two basins put together with blinking lights around its rim. A hatch was ajar and dense smoke was flowing from its opening. Something dark lay prone near the edge of the hatch. Through the smoke it looked like some kind of tentacle.

We could not get any closer as there was no way we could travel across the bog. We were standing at about 25 meters away from this craft taking photo's. I have to say right away that none of these photo's came out. I suspect they were fogged by radioactivity. Before too long we all felt giddy and were overcome by nausea. My eyes sight began to deteriorate as well so we decided to retreat to what we considered was a safe distance. Moving off it soon became dark and it was not long before we heard the first helicopter. It flew right over our heads. We could not use our radio to communicate with the helicopters as it had failed to work since the explosion. Then another helicopter appeared, then another one, and many more. We assumed they were all heading for the site we had found in the bog. We thought about returning to the site, but it was dark, our compass was not working, so we decided to wait until morning.

At around 10.00 am the next morning we arrived back at the bog, the exact same place as the day before. There was nothing to be found in the bog, no craft, no nothing. All we could see were peoples footprints and what looked like marks left by the helicopters. b Whether the craft sank into the bog or was taken away, I simply don't know.

When our expedition came to an end and we returned to Moscow we were invited, so-to-speak, to a certain institution (KGB regional department). Gathered in a large hall a smiling, grey-haired man appeared, shook hands with everybody and displayed an interest in our survey work. The mood soon changed and the man instructed us all that 'It was reported, the events in the taiga were witnessed by you all... I would like everybody to remember that you saw nothing at all. Absolutely nothing.' We exchanged glances and

he added 'All of you, you understand there is such a thing as a state secret. Now each one of you will sign an undertaking that you will divulge nothing. You know the consequences in case you breach...' We signed, there was nothing else we could do. This is why we kept quiet. I don't even know now what it was or if I can tell you about it.

By the way, you should know that members of the expedition are now all dead but a few. They were strong and healthy but now they are dead. In 1992 there were only two of us left. Pavel lives in Leningrad, he was with the expedition. Today I don't know if he is alive or not. I was told by a number of doctors that those members of our expedition who had died suffered from some kind of radiation illness".

Another two witnesses to the event were found living in the village of Topolevka. Anna Egorovna (died aged 82 in 1995) recounted the incident. She was not sure of the precise date but is sure it was the summer. Her grandfather, Philip Ivanovich had gone out into the taiga to hunt (he died before investigators could interview him). 'I went to sleep early as I had to be up early the next morning. During the night I was awoken by a 'boom'. The house began to tremble and I got up, still half asleep trying to understand what was happening. Outside it was like daylight. I was afraid. Before I could go out onto the porch the earth began to shake. I have never been as frightened as this in my life. Looking outside I saw a fiery globe descending over the taiga. Bright sun-like, the object glowed so much it irritated my eyes. The object hit something far off, the wind rose and the everything grew dark again. All that was left to see was a glowing rising aloft in the distance.

I did not sleep for the rest of the night. I was worried about my grandfather but he returned safe and sound. He'd been drinking with his friends and had not seen or heard anything. I did hear rumours that people in the next village (Lukashin Yar) which is about 15 kilometres away, saw the fire in the taiga that night. Then special men from the KGB arrived and warned everyone to keep quiet. So that is the story".

The second witness from the village of Topolevka is Michael Kuzmich, a 79 year-old hunter. He told investigators: " I decided to do some fishing. At that time fish was in plentiful supply. So I thought it would be a good idea to stock up my fish supply. There are plenty of rivers there to fish, so I found a spot, pitched a tent and got out my tackle and reels. It was getting late so I decided to sleep. I ate some fresh fish soup cooked on my camp fire and decided to treat myself to a self-rolled cigarette. I was sitting on the river bank just thinking and looking at the water smoking my cigarette. I suddenly saw a fiery flare and a sound like 'Hu-u-u'. Good god I thought. The sky flared like it was on fire. While I was looking round I heard an explosion and I was blown over by a huge blast of air. The fir tree tops were crackling with flames running across them. I thought it was the end, that the Chinese had set off a nuclear bomb. It a moment it seemed to go quiet again with only the taiga on fire. Lucky to be alive I thought I quickly grabbed my tent and fishing tackle and took off. A fire in the taiga can be a terrible thing, I was sure if the flames caught up with me I would be broiled. I just managed to escape with my life."

The last of the four witnesses was located later living in Moscow. His name is Sergey Petrovich M. a 52 year-old aviator. During the 1960s, including 1996, he served with the Soviet Air Force as a technician on aviation equipment at Kalpashevo aerodrome, about 240 kilometres north-west of Tromsk and 350 kilometres south-east of Topolevka. At Kalpashevo there was a special military helicopter squadron as well as a civilian air unit. Kolpashevo is also known as a military unit of space command measuring center (CMC). Housed here were Mi-4 Hound helicopters and a few heavy cargo Mi-6 Hook ones as well. Kolpashevo had also served as the test space centre for cosmonauts training in specific environmental conditions of the Russian northern region.

Sergey Petrovich M. stated: " I remember that night well. Our military unit was activated by a general alarm. Taking off in the helicopters we flew for a long time over the taiga. We were in the backwoods. There had been a fire in the taiga the day before and even an earthquake. My colleagues were talking about the sky lighting up and a fiery globe descending. I did not see this myself as I was asleep after being on duty.

At long last our helicopter (Mi-4 Hound) began to descend. We jumped out and the man in charge drew us to attention. 'This is a military secret' he told us, and that we would be to blame if anything went wrong. I remember we were in a glade and all around were burnt trees and nearby was a large bog. We were lead to the bog and were amazed to see a craft half buried in it. This thing in the bog looked like two pans together with coloured lights around the rim. My colleagues clarified it right away : flying saucer.

Some more helicopters landed with more personnel and one cargo helicopter landed also. The command was given: the saucer had to be hooked on by steel ropes to the belly of the cargo helicopter. We began to construct a device to enable us to lift the saucer out of the bog.

When I got nearer I could see that there was a hatch open. It looked dark inside and steam or smoke was coming out of the hatch. I could also see some kind of flipper leaning out of the hatch. It looked long and tapered and was dark-brown in colour. The craft was big, some 8-10 meters in diameter. It was very streamlined and we had nothing to hook the ropes onto. We made a 'string-bag' type device in order for us to lift the object.

There was also a scientist with us. He had come on the cargo helicopter. He kept touching and scraping the hull of the object and then shone his electric torch onto the flipper. He cautiously wrapped the flipper in polyethylene or something similar and handled it very carefully. We were cautioned once again to keep silent about this.

The cargo helicopter rose up and hovered over the saucer and began to lift it. It moved only slowly and at one point I thought it was going to break loose from the ropes. All of a sudden it was out of the bog with slush flowing from it and the cargo helicopter took it away. We were splashed with mud from the bog and were covered from

head to foot. The lights from the saucer hung beneath the helicopter were visible in the sky for quite some time.

I don't know anything more about it. There was talk in our unit that the saucer was transported to some secret military aerodrome and was under examination by scientists and the military. It was rumoured that that they called it the 'Z Object', in short, classified. It was rumoured also that some bodies were recovered inside it, but this could simply be fairy-tales. I left the military a long time ago now and I have no idea what the object was. I would like to know at some point what it was."

The Tunguska blast in 1908 is still hotly debated even today. Some say it was an astronomical body of some kind, while others state that it was an artificial craft of extraterrestrial origin. the 'Z-Object' or the 'Obsky meteorite' could rank as being even more mysterious than its 1908 counterpart. What was it that shattered the peace and quiet of that June night in 1908? Why was this strange object not destroyed on impact? officially of course it never happened at all.

Could the 'Z-Object' not have been extraterrestrial at all but rather a Soviet military satellite of some kind with a nuclear reactor on board. In 1965 in Kecksburg, USA and similar incident took place (some think that this event could also have been a secret Soviet satellite rather than an alien spacecraft). Is it a coincidence for example that the Kolpashevo helicopter unit was part of the space command at the time. This would explain the readiness of the personnel there to deal with such an incident. However, nearly all Soviet satellites are launched in a completely different trajectory and the descent of the 'Z-Object' would therefore not conform to normal Soviet satellite trajectories. No Soviet satellites carry multi-coloured lights around their rim either.

It would be only pure speculation to suggest where the 'Z-Object' eventually went for study. Even in today's modern Russia it can still be dangerous to delve too deeply into such top secret matters. How long the secrets of this and other events will be kept hidden is anyone's guess, but despite the political and economic turmoil in the former Soviet Union, the search for more information continues.

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SIGHTINGS

NOT A HOAX!!

Vatican Admits On National TV That ET Contact IS REAL

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Note - Here is one of the actual Italian television appearances by Father Balducci stating the Vatican's belief that ETs exist. His quotations are in Italian. Click here <http://www.worldlink.it/nonsoloufo/balducci.htm>

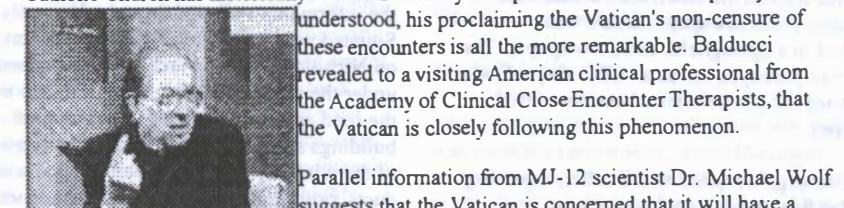
Monsignor Corrado Balducci, a Vatican theologian insider close to the Pope has gone on national Italian television five times in recent months to proclaim that extraterrestrial contact is a real phenomenon. The prelate announced that the Vatican is receiving much information about extraterrestrials and their contacts with humans from its Nuncios (embassies) in various countries, such as Mexico, Chile and Venezuela. Monsignor Balducci said that he is on a Vatican commission looking into extraterrestrial encounters, and how to cope with the emerging general realization of extraterrestrial contact.



Balducci provided the Catholic Church's analysis of extraterrestrials, emphasizing that extraterrestrial encounters "are NOT demonic, they are NOT due to psychological impairment, they are NOT a case of entity attachment, but these encounters deserve to be studied carefully." Since Monsignor Balducci is a Vatican expert exorcist, and since the Catholic Church has historically demonized many new phenomena that were poorly

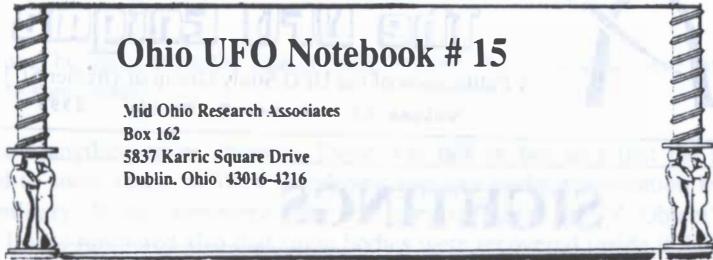
understood, his proclaiming the Vatican's non-censure of these encounters is all the more remarkable. Balducci revealed to a visiting American clinical professional from the Academy of Clinical Close Encounter Therapists, that the Vatican is closely following this phenomenon.

Parallel information from MJ-12 scientist Dr. Michael Wolf suggests that the Vatican is concerned that it will have a major doctrinal updating situation on its hands when extraterrestrial contact becomes authoritatively announced by world governments over the next several years. ★★★★



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The Monsanto Research Complex and the "Seeding" Of America

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With the July 1997 publication of Phillip J. Corso's Day After Roswell, the retired Lieutenant Colonel who served under President Eisenhower introduced the public to the concept of the "seeding" of American industry and corporations with exotic technology derived from recovered extraterrestrial vehicles.

In the midst of the hype and furor over the Corso book, I couldn't help but temper my disbelief in serious consideration of his claims because of a bizarre encounter that I have been absorbed in for nearly two years.

Mystery Tattler

In the spring of 1995 I received a call from a resident of Springfield, Ohio. "I wanted to tell you about certain reverse-engineering projects conducted on flying saucer components," stated the voice on the other end of the phone line. The caller had tracked me down after a statewide Associated Press newspaper article was published in a Springfield, Ohio newspaper. The article had portrayed me as a "UFO skeptic" who questioned the possibilities of extraterrestrial visitations.

"I'm listening," I replied to the caller, expecting an outlandish or delusional account to commence. To my surprise, the gentlemen on the

other end of the line sounded cognizant, sane and knowledgeable.

"A friend of mine was an employee at Monsanto Research Corporation, on Nicholas Road near Dayton, Ohio..."

Interesting Interview

The caller, who claimed to be formerly of the military, and I had agreed to meet for lunch at a restaurant south of Dayton, Ohio within two weeks.

I had contacted two acquaintances, Carla and Lois, who shared my interest in accounts of the bizarre, and we all thought it intriguing to meet the informant and receive the news.

We left Cincinnati with plenty of time to spare, and reaching the Dayton area an hour before our appointment, decided to venture to The Monsanto Research Complex, the focal point of the drama.

Having been given directions to the facility by the informant, we found the complex easily. Situated near Interstate 75 south of Dayton, Ohio on Nicholas Road, the facility is now operating under the name of Quality Chemical, and from the road appears to be several box-shaped buildings surrounded by fencing. The top-halves of the windowless buildings are riddled with air ducts, protruding ventilation shafts and metal railings.

Approaching the main gate, a security guard put down his sandwich and hitched his pants up around his big belly. "Can I help you?"

"I am conducting a research project on corporations in this area, and was curious to know if this facility was once called Monsanto Research?" I asked to break the ice, even though I already knew the answer.

"Yes it was, several years ago."

"Do you know what type of research projects were done here?" I asked, hoping for something juicy.

"Nope, but it was some classified project from Wright Patterson Air Force Base."

Carla and Lois thanked the security officer after we gleaned everything possible from him (including details of several large fires occurring years prior). Driving away, we were unanimously impressed by the statement from the watchman regarding a classified Air Force project. Even though unaware of the specific activities performed at the facility he was guarding, the officer provided 'soft corroboration' of Air Force affiliation, an affiliation we were now on our way to verify through the offerings of a mysterious whistleblower who would later be known as 'The Phantom Informant.'

We met the gentleman as he waited in his car outside the restaurant. Parking next to him, we greeted one another and entered the restaurant. Telling the gentleman of our recent experience with the security guard, he smiled with a self-assured grin and said, "That's interesting."

"Tell us about this friend of yours," came the question from Carla after food was ordered.

"He's dead now...but he used to work at Monsanto and had a security clearance," said the former military officer. "Evidently, as the story goes, parts and components from a flying saucer were taken to Monsanto and kept there for a number of years. The situation was kept quiet, and surprisingly, extensive security precautions had been deemed unnecessary. The low-intensity security provided a good cover for the highly classified project."

"Where did this flying saucer come from?" came the next obvious question.

"I don't know, but we've all heard stories about Roswell," said the informant as he sought to deflect the anxious questions and stay on his point. "Anyhow, there were a number of other operations at the facility that had also been going on, and there had been several accidents over the years. One involved a chemical explosion which resulted in a large fire."

Carla chanced a quick glance to Lois, recalling the earlier statement from the security guard.

"One particular accident occurred as a result of experimentation with gravity waves. This person was injured and taken to the Miami Valley Hospital where he was held a while for observation. He was released later in the evening, but for awhile he was said to be disoriented.

"Much of the reverse engineering research was regarding gravity waves. In fact, at one point, I was told of a rod or baton-like instrument that could be pointed at a heavy block of concrete... when they would point this rod at the block, they could lift it into the air...almost magically."

"There was also some nuclear materials that were produced at the location, and they were taken discretely by the truck load to Jackass Flats for burial and disposal. The whole facility was contaminated at one time."

"Did this contamination have anything to do with the components? I asked, trying to home-in on the UFO discussion.

"I'm, sure some of it could have," he replied with uncertainty, giving us the impression that he wasn't seemingly a 'know-it-all.'

"But the real story is the man that came in."

Mysterious Visitor

"According to my late friend, apparently there was a certain person who visited Monsanto under armed escort. He had paid numerous visits, about a half-dozen times from the late sixties to the early seventies. The well dressed person had a security clearance to get in, and was allowed to interact with employees there."

The term "interact" caused eyebrows to raise, as The Phantom Informant paused to allow his enigmatic comment to sow the seed of curiosity.

"He talked with them," the informant clarified, "but he wasn't a regular person. This individual would talk with the workers and discuss certain matters about routine job duties and inspections, and more cryptically, would discuss matters about their own personal lives. He knew things he wasn't supposed to know."

"What do you mean 'he wasn't a regular person'?" asked Carla intensely.

"I mean he wasn't a regular person. He looked normal, just like you or me, even wore a nice business suit, but he wasn't a regular person. He had talked to the people, and when he did, he ruined them. He knew things he shouldn't have. He talked with my friend, and whatever he said that day traumatized him for the rest of his life. His widow told me that from that day forward he sat up on the edge of his bed at nights... in a cold sweat, and wondered about that man. He said, 'That man knew everything about me.'

"Everything."

With a meaningful stare, the informant emphasized his point and gazed at Lois and Carla with a hypnotic assurance.

"He knew certain unthinkable details about each person that nobody else could."

The Phantom Informant seemed to relish holding his captive audience under his spell. Breaking his rhythm, I broke in, "Are you saying that this was an alien?"

"I don't know," he huffed as he looked downward and talked in my direction without making eye-contact, as if half-angry that I made such a suggestion. "All I am saying is that he wasn't a regular person."

Not satisfied with gleaning these details from a second-hand source, I sought after more details of the deceased gentleman in question. I was told that the wife of this worker talked to the informant on plenty of occasions, for they had been acquaintances through their mutual association with the worker, and continue to talk years after the death of the worker.

After his passing, the wife told the informant that her husband would suffer sleepless nights, agonizing in a mixed state of disbelief and fear. The wife had told of the problems the worker had for years after encountering the mysterious stranger, and had been greatly disturbed. She felt that he had an almost obsessive fear of the man. He talked of the good and honest character of his friend, and told of how his wife would be hesitant to discuss the issue, which she deemed 'sensitive.'

The informant did not reveal whether he had an occasion to meet this shadowy figure. He did allow that any worker was forevermore effected by the well-dressed visitor, who held great power and abilities. At one point in the discussion, he stated that he couldn't be sure if this person was part of the government or the military, but knew that this was a very 'powerful' individual, and briefly wondered 'where this individual is today.'

During the conversation, both Carla and Lois became entranced by the stories, as the informant spoke with methodological assurance, and closed each sentence with uncanny and unnerving eye-contact.

The account, if true, remains unverifiable at present, eluding that special corroborative element which would advance this tale above the realms of rumor, hearsay or even disinformational fiction. However, with the recent implication of Monsanto by retired Col. Phillip Corso in his book two years later, and with the recent admissions by Bell Labs and American Computer Company, which also draws reference from that allegations of Corso, the bizarre tale of the reverse-engineered parts and components from The Monsanto Research Complex may simply be another piece in a warped and convoluted puzzle that is too strange to be true, and if true, too difficult to believe.



THE EARLY YEARS

A selection of reports from various magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

North Beach, New Zealand - November 18, 1957

Light (Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau)

A large, luminous object, darker in the centre, was seen by two North Beach residents as it hovered above the southern part of the city at 10.15 last night. When Mr G. Williams and his wife first noticed the light it was stationary and, at first glance, Mrs Williams thought it was the moon but then realised it was in the wrong quarter of the sky. After about two minutes the object began to move. It swung slowly round in a circle of about ten miles circumference according to Mr Williams. After one or two revolutions it moved away westward and disappeared.

Mr Williams estimated that the light was at an altitude of about 10,000 feet. When first noticed it seemed to be over the Woolston area. There was light cloud in the sky at the time. Mr and Mrs Williams are sure the phenomenon they saw was not a searchlight as there was no beam visible at any time.

Bloemfontein, South Africa

The U.F.O. Investigator (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena)

A new South African UFO sighting, publicly admitted by the government, is being investigated by order of Commandant-General A.B. Melville, head of the Union of South Africa Defence Force. The incident occurred in broad daylight when a disc-shaped UFO hovered south-east of Bloemfontein while the J.B.M. Hertzog Airport was being officially opened.

Veteran pilots of the South African Air Force were puzzled by the object, one of several seen in the past year by South African airmen. (On one occasion, F-86 Sabrejet pilots vainly tried to climb up to the level of another hovering UFO).

"This is a most interesting occurrence," said Commandant-General Melville. "and one that will be fully investigated."

Morwell, Victoria - January 19, 1959

UFORUM (Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society)

Two State Electricity Commission workmen think they saw a flying saucer over Morwell on Friday afternoon. The workmen, Michael Rappel and Don Hadland, were on the boiler house power station when they saw the sun glint sharply from an object overhead.

"It looked like a silver top to us", they said. "It moved to the right then swung back left, stopped, moved backwards and forwards and then vanished. We saw it at 22 minutes to four and only for a minute".

Tyndall, South Dakota - May 20, 1961

LUFORO Bulletin (London UFO Research Organisation)

A strange glowing round object manoeuvred above the Tyndall Air Force Base in the morning of May 20. Two Air Force radar tracking stations picked it up and its movements were observed for 90 minutes by members of the 4756th Air Police Squadron and the assistant to the base UFO officer. A jet and a helicopter attempted to intercept the object but it climbed away from the base and vanished.



Launch: Georgia Evans and CSIRO's Paul Holper at Beaumaris. Picture: SIMON DALLINGER

Herald Sun, Thursday, May 7, 1998

Launch: Georgia Evans and CSIRO's Paul Holper at Beaumaris. Picture: SIMON DALLINGER

Balloons aloft for science

LARGE red balloons floating in the sky this month should not cause alarm.

The one-litre weather balloons are for a National Science Week project and are being released by primary and secondary school students in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

Students will track the direction and vertical angle of the tethered balloons to measure wind speed and direction to a height of 100m.

The Co-operative Research

**By SARAH DENT,
science reporter**

Centre for Southern Hemisphere Meteorology said while conditions at the surface may be calm, wind 100m above the ground could be quite strong.

More than 200 activities are being staged around Australia this week as part of National Science Week.

ScienceNOW — an innovative science forum at the Melbourne

Exhibition Centre starting today — will be one of the highlights.

Sixteen recent discoveries in astronomy, environmental research, geology, medicine, zoology and other fields by new and emerging scientists will be put under the microscope.

Hollywood Meets the Lab Coat will be a key session, focusing on how the perception of science has been shaped by films such as *Jurassic Park*, *Contact* and *Outbreak*.

LANCASHIRE EVENING POST, Preston, England - Oct. 15, 1997

Plot thickens in 'UFOs' mystery

MORE sightings of mysterious UFOs in the Lancashire skies have come to light.

Triangular-shaped lights were spotted this week in the Chorley and Bamber Bridge areas.

Bombarded

They follow stories about red and blue lights hovering off the Blackpool coastline last week.

The claims were made by callers

By STUART DRAPER

who have bombarded the Tony Newman late night talk show on Red Rose 99.9. Thirty-five listeners, including somebody who claimed to be a sailor on a Royal Navy ship, said they had seen the square formation lights when they rang the show on Thursday.

Four others who lived in the South Shore area of Blackpool said

they had seen a red, spinning, disc-shaped object.

On Monday evening, two more callers from Chorley and Bamber Bridge phoned the radio presenter to say they had just seen lights in a triangle shape in the night sky.

Tony said: "Clearly, there is something going on and I don't know what it is. There are too many people over too large an area seeing things."

PRESS CUTTINGS OF INTEREST

GOLDIN AIMS TO DISCUSS ORIGINS EFFORT WITH POPE

From: *SPACE NEWS*, October 13-19, 1997

NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin hopes to arrange an audience with Pope John Paul II to discuss the U.S. space agency's newly established Origins Program, a multi-disciplinary effort to answer fundamental questions about the formation and evolution of the universe and to determine whether life exists anywhere other than Earth.

NASA and White House officials have consulted religious leaders about the August 1996 announcement that researchers had found strong evidence of prehistoric life in a meteorite from Mars.

Earth-like planets have astronomers over moon

**By SARAH DENT,
science reporter**

A SOLAR system containing planets similar to Earth has been discovered using the world's most powerful telescope.

While it would be impossible for people to inhabit the new family of planets for at least one billion years, scientists hope to learn more about how our solar system was formed.

Astronomers used instruments attached to telescopes in Hawaii and Chile to find the planets, 220 light years away.

It takes one light second to travel to the moon, but 220 light years is still considered close by astronomers.

They noticed a



The solar system.

doughnut-shaped disc of dust around a star and believe a hole in the doughnut may have been caused by the birth of the planets.

David Koerner, from the University of Pennsylvania, said the finding suggested the formation of planets like Earth and "perhaps there are lots of places for life to exist".

The Chilean team made a confirming observation.

Both teams focused on a star call HR 4796 that was believed to be at the centre of a protoplanetary disc — a disc of dust and gas from which planets are thought to form.

Melbourne University graduate Michael Brown said asteroids were formed in the disc, which then collided to build up into planets.

"This is the first time we have seen a solar system at this stage of development so they will be able to look in more detail at how it progresses," he said.

The new solar system is at the stage our planets were about 4½ billion years ago.

Mystery of giant UFO

LONDON — The RAF has tracked a UFO "as big as a battleship" off the coast of Britain, military sources said yesterday.

They said the craft was tracked flying in a zig-zag pattern at 27,200kmh over the North Sea. It then accelerated and zoomed off towards the Atlantic.

The Dutch Air Force also tracked the UFO but two F-16 fighters sent to intercept the object were unable to keep up, it is claimed.

The "battleship" UFO is most likely to be a sighting caused by a freak weather effect or an experimental aircraft.

Even dedicated UFO watchers say the military deliberately releases stories about UFOs as a smokescreen and that witnesses are really see-

ing top-secret experimental aircraft.

But RAF officials are said to be baffled by the object, tracked by the Ministry of Defence long-range listening station on Fylingdales moor in North Yorkshire.

"It was definitely under control, judging by the various manoeuvres executed," said a source.

"It appeared to be triangular and was around the size of a battleship."

Radar records of the craft will be presented to experts from around the world at the RAF College, Lincolnshire, in June.

Military chiefs may also

release a second series of tapes, reported to show 12 UFOs changing shape in mid-flight. — DAILY MAIL

What Next

The Face on Mars, new pictures April 1998

by G. Simpson

On Wednesday April 8th 1998, the Herald Sun published the latest picture from the new Mars Global Surveyor. It purportedly shows the face, or the vestigial remnants thereof, in far greater detail and higher resolution than ever previously thought possible.

There are problems however. The Viking photos included two separate shots taken at different times, with different lighting, which confirms the existence of the 'Face'. Frame number 35A72 and 70A13 both show the same object from different angles and with different lighting. Both clearly show an object which throws a shadow across the surface of the red planet. The 'face' was estimated to be around 800 metres high.



Comparison of the best Viking image (on the left) with a Mars Observer image in the middle. The image on the right has had the contrast reversed (that is, light features were forced to be dark, and dark features were forced to be light) to simulate the approximate lighting conditions of the Viking image. Images courtesy of NASA.

A scale model was built to show the approximate size of the object with relation to the pyramid of Giza in Egypt. The Mars Face was larger. It would be hard to believe that any object of such enormous size could have flattened out over a mere twenty year period.

On a geological timescale that would be regarded as instantaneous. The entire planet would have also undergone enormous changes which likewise would have been well noticed and documented. No one is saying anything like this.

In the late seventies the Viking images were extensively researched by two N.A.S.A. computer scientists. By using special digital image enhancement techniques, Vincent DiPietro and Greg Molenar uncovered the fact that there was an eye socket in the shaded side of the face image, and an eyeball in the socket of the illuminated side of the structure. These details mean that the structure exhibiting bilateral symmetry could not possibly have been the result of mere chance, or the result of

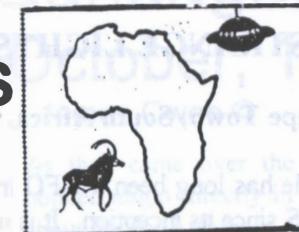
the combined effects of erosion by wind and water over many Martian centuries. In fact, their suggestion was that the structure, when viewed in combination with the Pyramids in the same region would suggest that at some time in the past there was intelligent life on the red planet.

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UFO AFRINEWS

WHAT GOES THERE?

Karoi, Zimbabwe



Case N°131

Jimmy Green (not his real name) grew up on a tobacco farm in the Karoi area of Zimbabwe. Most of his youth was spent at boarding school and when he came home for the holidays, his greatest pleasure was going out in the family Jeep with his father to bag small game, such as rabbits, duiker and other buck. Because of this, he soon developed a good knowledge of the firearms they used; and not only that, but a clear eye for their prey.

On this particular evening, 11-year old Jimmy and his family had eaten supper early, and around about 19:00 hours, he and his Dad set off in the Jeep for an evening's hunting. By then it was quite dark, when suddenly they became aware of a brilliant light illuminating the whole of the tobacco barns, the fields, and also the trees, as though it was broad daylight.

The point that Jimmy particularly noted was that the light did not portray colours, but was pure white, so that everything appeared silver in its brilliance, with no shadows. Even as he noted this lighting effect, they both saw a craft, which had obviously come from behind them, and was now passing over the Jeep in a straight line, going north-west. The canvas canopy of the Jeep had been put on because it was winter, so even though Jimmy craned his neck forward, looking through the windscreen, he could see nothing until the object appeared in front of them: an enormous round craft, about 50ft (15 metres) in diameter, surrounded by alternating red and green lights on the outside rim.

A little further towards the centre was a second circle of yellow lights that seemed to be spinning. The centre portion was totally blacked out and neither father nor son could see anything there other than a dark void. The craft seemed to have a blue tail flame which pulsated every second and then died down again. When the flame shot out of the craft, the lights on the machine seemed to dim slightly.

They both watched in awe as the object passed over them and then travelled into the distance, taking no more than 7 seconds in all. Jimmy and his father were stunned!

MORE STRANGE LIGHTS IN THE SKY

Case N°132

a) Cape Town, South Africa.

Prier Wintle has long been a UFO investigator and a correspondent for UFO AFRINEWS since its inception. It is not often we have a first-hand report from one of our own group, and unfortunately, we have no logical explanation for his experience:

One evening in 1996 (Prier is not sure of the date), between 22:00 and 23:30 hours, Prier became aware of a continuous roaring above his house in Mowbray, Cape Town. Eventually he went into the yard to look and see what it could be as he found the sound irritating.

'What I saw', he reports, 'was an extremely bright light with a searchlight shining down from it. An appreciable distance below the white light (50-100ft) was a green and red light. I still thought it could be some type of helicopter but then scintillating flashes of what seemed to be red fire began to flicker between the red and green ones.'

'The object, whatever it was, seemed to be completely stationary, almost directly overhead. Then, after about 10 minutes, it began to drift very slowly northwards. Very gradually, it disappeared behind rooftops.'

Prier says he didn't know what it was. Perhaps it was a helicopter, but he had never seen anything like it before.

Cynthia Hind

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Sighting Report

This report is a brief outline of our investigations into a multiple UFO report in the vicinity of Gundagai NSW. The township of Gundagai is situated just off the Hume Freeway and is well known for the DOG ON THE TUCKER BOX. This sighting consists of two objects that were observed at this stage by two witnesses. Husband and wife.

The report was originally reported to a well known UFO organisation possibly run by one person. It is an organization that requires telephone reports. On this occasion photographs were forwarded to him and the witness has since requested that they be returned but this has been to no avail.

The findings of this organization to say the least, are extremely doubtful and it appears very little effort has gone into investigating this sighting. They are as follows...."The objects that you saw were jet aircraft on maneuvers. They were throwing flames 1800 meters long (half a mile) behind them. When the witness inquired about the objects being stationary, they were informed that the two jets were travelling towards them".

The above is briefly what the witnesses were informed via telephone. The above findings will become clear to you as I now explain what the sighting consists of.

It was on Monday 13th of October 1997, at approximately 6 pm. The two witnesses were travelling to Victoria along the Hume Freeway. The weather was fine and clear. There were no clouds in the sky. It was warm and previously there had been a strong north wind which had subsided. The witnesses were travelling in a westerly direction and approximately 100 kilometers north of

Gundagai

13th October, 1997

James Owen ©

As they came over the top of a hill, they noticed alight directly in front of them and at about 25 to 30 degrees above the horizon and to the left of the first object. Neither object appeared to be moving.

The witnesses watched these objects for the next 30 minutes and this was whilst they still traveled towards the objects. The position of both objects, the sun, horizon and the witnesses remained the same. The distance between the witnesses and the objects only decreased in proportion to the speed they were travelling at. This would indicate that the objects were stationary.

The witnesses believed that these objects may have been many things that were man made or natural, but after a period of time, dismissed these thoughts.

After the 30 minutes of driving, it is believed that the objects distance had decreased approximately 1 mile. This is where they were able to describe them as triangular and spherical with a ring around it. Both objects were remaining stationary to this point.

It was then that the objects commenced to throw flames from underneath them similar to rockets. Neither commenced to move and seemed to remain at that position. The witnesses stopped the car and alighted. At this point the objects were commencing to move. The higher object travelling much faster than the lower one.

The witnesses then obtained their camera and took three photographs of the objects as they moved high into the sky. The top object veered to the right whilst the lower one commenced to veer to the left. These objects remained in sunlight whilst the witnesses were in the dark.

Sighting - Gundagai

The objects were watched by the witnesses and it is stated that both objects became black balls as the flames were emitted and remained that way. The observation time was approximately 45 minutes.

Further information was obtained in relation to the behaviour and maneuvers of the objects. Our investigations have covered a variety of areas including the RAAF, Army, other Government Departments, Power Companies, Bureau of Meteorology, Planetarium and locals in the area, to mention a few. This investigation has taken to date some 7 months and at this stage is nearing completion.

The photographs that have been received have shown many details as to the identity of both

objects. The RAAF and ARMY have forwarded information to me which discounts the possibilities of jet aircraft, missiles or rockets. Other information received has also assisted us in our investigations as to what these objects may or may not be.

As I have stated, this report is nearing completion and until all the facts have been collated and all possibilities of man made or natural phenomena eliminated, this report will remain open to investigation.

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ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE,
Little Rock, AR - April 15, 1997

Other days

100 years ago
April 15, 1897

RUSSELLVILLE — An airship has come and gone, but not too quickly for two citizens to see it. As a heavy wind and thunderstorm came up, this aerial monster was seen by Mr. Nugent and Mr. Keith to be going at the rate of 100 miles an hour.

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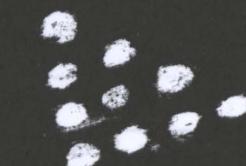
Local Sightings

5th August, 1997
21:45
Port Philip Bay
VIC

Several witnesses observed 5 coloured lights flying east to west which disappeared over Port Philip Bay. Wind in same direction as per Meteorology Dept. This sighting is similar to many cases that are NOT UFOs. These cases have been investigated and found to be helium filled balloons equipped with cyalume sticks. Although such reports are recorded, space is not taken up with publication of these reports which are numerous. Commercial publication of such reports are misleading readers, both home and abroad, that Australia is swamped with UFOs. There is a vast difference between speculation and investigation as well as false reports from commercial interests. See ON THE UFO TRAIL March 1998 edition.

28th July, 1997
4:25
South Melbourne
VIC

Triangle formation of white lights moving rapidly toward the north west. The formation flew over the observer's car. His engine was running. No sound was heard.

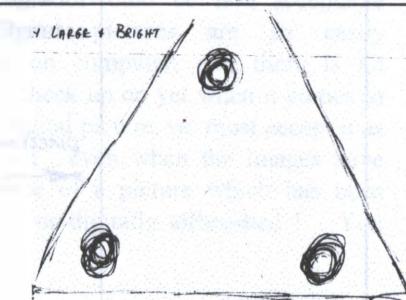


15th December, 1997
21:45 to 22:00
Hoppers Crossing,
VIC

Witness observed an object larger than a 747 Jumbo in the north west. When it crossed in front of the moon, the object resembled a shadow, the moonlight dimmed. The object had three white lights at the rear and one at the front. The lights were visible for the whole duration of the sighting (3 minutes). It kept a constant speed and traveled in an arc until it was 90 degrees vertical and traveled upward until it went out of sight. When the object was closest to the observer he could hear a low frequency hum.

11th January, 1998
00:05 to 00:15
Near Whittlesea
VIC

Two witnesses observed a large vertical triangular shaped object with a bright orange light at each point. Object was first sighted when it was hovering. Then it began to move erratically. As it approached the couple, one ran into the bush before the object disappeared.



Local Sightings - continued

17 th February, 1998 20:45 Inverlock VIC	Object "larger than the moon" flying from SW to NE at a speed near 400 KMPH. The object described by the pilot witness as a huge ball of light with tail same colour. It went into a dive as if to land NE of Inverlock over Andersons Inlet.	
25 th March, 1998 20:00 Reservoir VIC	Witness observed three balls of white lights with red tails viewed for only a few seconds flying faster than a jet flying north to north-east. Observer lost sight of lights when they passed behind trees.	
25 th March, 1998 19:45 to 20:15 (Late twilight) Coburg VIC	The witness, who desires to remain anonymous observed a light aircraft flying toward Essendon Airport for landing. Flying at the same speed, just ahead of the aircraft, was a ball shaped object three to four meters in diameter. The front of the object had the appearance of light silver coloured steel. The rear colour was steel grey. The witness was on his bike heading toward north east when he heard the sound of an aircraft overhead. When he looked up, he saw both the ball shaped object and the aircraft flying in the direction of the airport. Small lights or sparks appeared to be spinning off the object in a wheeling direction. Efforts are being made to secure the pilots name, who has, as yet, come forward. If the pilot will contact us and confirm this sighting he can be assured his name will be kept confidential.	

Local Sightings - continued

24 th April, 1998 06:00 Northern Territory outback	A bright light larger than the morning star was observed travelling at approximately 5,000 feet from the southern horizon to the northern horizon. As it passed overhead, the light appeared to shine downward. There was a bright tail attached, similar to a vapour trail which did not alter appearance. The interesting point is the tail was in front of the light travelling in the same direction as the light. The time span from its appearance was about 60 seconds and travelling in a zigzag motion.	
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What Next

Apart from the "Face" there are other interesting structures which in themselves appear to suggest intelligent design, and would be well worth further investigation. For example, some of the triangular based pyramid objects, and one in particular referred to as the "Dome" pyramid. (see 'The Face on Mars' The Evidence of a lost Martian Civilisation by Crowley and Hurtak, Sun Books, Macmillan, 1986.)

Today, with these new images, we are supposed to reject all of the findings of DiPietro and Molenar and go on our merry way with the knowledge that we can trust these NASA scientists when they tell us that the

whole thing was a big misinterpretation. We have to trust that no-one has doctored these digital images, and then we can have peace of mind that there is no evidence of intelligent life in our solar system other than on earth.

We have been told that digital still images of a UFO or Bigfoot would be non acceptable because digital pictures are so easily manipulated on computer, and there is no 'negative' to check up on yet when it comes to an 'official' digital picture, we must accept it as absolute proof, even when the images have the appearance of a picture which has been electronically or digitally airbrushed ! You decide.

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The UFO Scene

Although many reports of Nocturnal Lights are being made elsewhere in Australia, little has occurred on the local scene. However, there seem to be hardly any Close Encounter reports in recent times. Only a couple of sightings (see Tasmanian sightings) have been added to the total for this year.

Reports investigated as at early October stand at 91, with probable unexplained cases making up a mere 8.7%. This compares with 29% unexplained for the previous year.

Over a dozen reports so far have been due to space debris burn-up or meteors.

A recent case on September 11th at 8.16pm was of some interest. Two witnesses separated by many kilometres described the same unusual effect. One witness in Hobart, the other located in the Derwent Valley, both noticed the area around them lit up by flashes of light. A very bright light was then seen moving away towards the west. The Derwent Valley witness heard a rumbling noise after the light disappeared.

The noise was probably due to the fireball breaking up in the atmosphere. Surprisingly only one other witness contacted the Centre to report the phenomenon - maybe the thick cloud in some areas prevented many people from noticing the fireball.

The infamous "UFO Slime" material appeared again, this time at Brighton. Following the barking of her dog and a sound like a jet our Brighton witness found the jelly-like substance in the backyard. As in all the previous cases nothing could be done to determine the origin of the "Slime".

Recent Reports

Fishermen Sight Lights off West Coast. 23 June 7.30pm.

Point Hibbs on Tasmania's West Coast is a very lonely spot frequented only by fishermen and the odd bushwalker.

J and his father had anchored for the night close in the shelter of Bird Island, a small island just south of Point Hibbs. J was on deck when he first spotted a group of three lights out to the west at about a 20-degree elevation. The top light was red with two green lights below. Around the lights was a glowing area of light. Altogether the lights covered an area of about a 3/4 moon. J called his father up to see the lights, which were watched off and on by the witnesses for the next couple of hours.

The lights lost elevation during the period they were under observation and moved more to the north. At various times erratic movement was noted by J. The lights looked to move sideways, then performed a large anti-clockwise circle a number of times. Whilst moving on one circle the lights suddenly shot across from the one o'clock position to the 7 o'clock position.

Eventually the lights were low on the horizon, they moved down behind the hump on the island then back up again on a number of occasions before being finally lost from sight.

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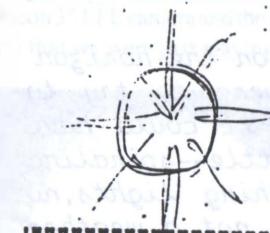
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At 10-25 On 8-9-97, Malcolm Campbell a company director saw a bright orange circular with star burst, it was due east high in the horizon and a slow track from N. to S., then stationary, then rapid high movement due east.

I was attracted by the strange motion and no sound, I was trying to justify what I was seeing, it could not be a helicopter or plane because I couldn't see any strobe lights and it moved with great precision. We noticed it first and then saw 10 people in our street watching also, some in the middle of the road.



a bright orange sphere
with a star-burst of light
when it was closer.

This report is given by an aboriginal 17 year old girl and is translated by her father..

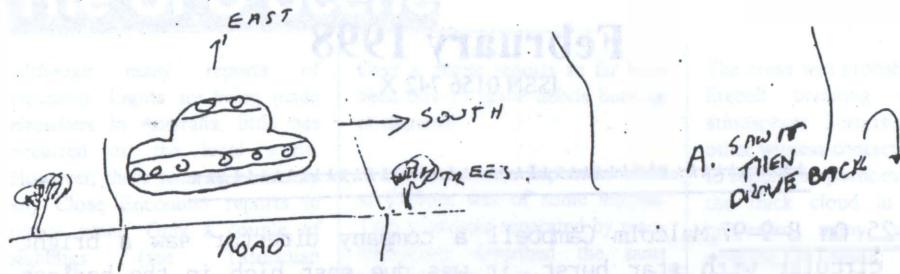
The girl's Christian name is Norisa and she is a student and lives at Ji Tree Station and on the 24-10-97 at between 11-30pm and 12-00pm saw orange-red-blue lights the object was a flat disc and the size of a truck.

It was hovering above a dirt road at tree top level and was seen straight ahead at about 150 metres, the bright type disco lights were flashing and as shown on diagram 'A' she was scared and then turned back..

see sketch next page—

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: including Altitude and Effects of the Sighting.

lights were flashing- BLUE LIGHT ON TOP
like DISCO LIGHTS orange-red yellow
glow



Manningham 27th Sept. 1997. at 9-27pm an orange starlike fiery light was seen and Scott Rice was not sure of its size.

Appeared to travel away from earth, not quite straight in its arc, excited, in field of view whilst driving and motivated to investigate.

I noted what may have been dismissed as a star or aeroplane except for an orange (fire) colour.

The object slowly moved up from 45 degree on the horizon in a very slightly squiggly arc--if I were to try to explain this phenomena I would have said it could have been the view from under a rocket or shuttle--spiralizing upwards into the stratosphere! *No flashing lights, no zig-zag or rapid movement, no tail (comet) not a weather balloon.

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POLICE DETECTIVE at PORT LINCOLN. On the 26-10-97 with other people at 8-40pm. saw one orange egg-shaped light and they watched it for 15 minutes and they estimated it to be 1km away in the south.

Detective T.M. Scheffler, said, The light was extremely bright and clear.

I have spoken to a pilot at Lincoln Airlines whom suggest it may be a vapour trail from a jet and the sunlight is reflecting off a portion of it.

Apparently it was also seen on Tuesday 28-10-97. by staff of the Shell service station opposite Tasman Hotel.

Hawksnest, NSW

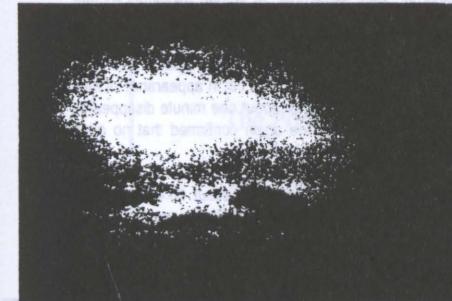
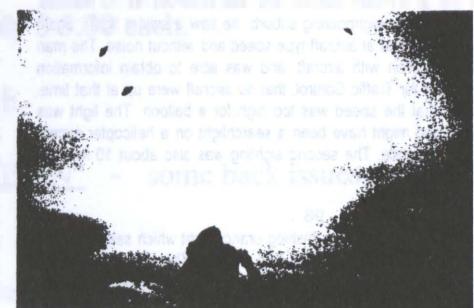
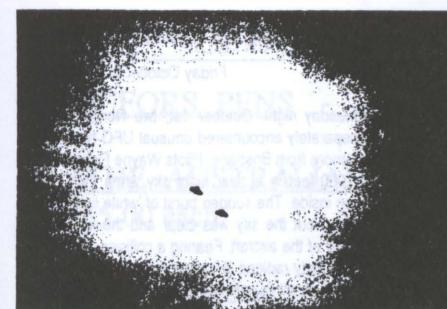
UFO Sighting

Easter 1995

by Ray

"It was a grey sort of day, the type that looks like rain, smells like it but doesn't. A few of the guys, for no reason, except because maybe we are male, decided to go for a walk, to run amuck in reality. The girls stayed behind to be girls. We crossed the road to a field and we all seemed to notice these things darting about like spring time swallows. We all stood there, watching and realising that they were not birds. They were bigger than swallows - how much bigger is hard to say. I guess they were as big as a car, some of the others thought they were more like cottage size - who knows. I went back and got my old Ricoh 35 EFL camera and the girls, (who thought at first that we were just playing with them, to get

them out of the holiday house that we had rented out over Easter, 1995). I didn't hang around to try and convince them, so I guess that was what told them that I was for real. I ran back with the girls in tow and snapped these three photographs before they took off. This event is often brought up when we are all together. It's weird looking back on it now, but at the time we didn't know what to think. We all thought that as it was Easter, in a holiday town full of tourist just like us, that heaps of others would have seen grey, metallic looking discs darting about. However, we asked a few people, and besides the strange looks we received, nobody else seems to have witnessed it. This is what we all find hard to believe."



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JAMBREE HEIGHTS SAT 8.12.97 11.50pm
 A man observed a light to the NNW at about 35 degrees elevation, which was hovering at first, and then seemed to move around flashing red and blue. In the last 45 minutes of observation, it seemed to move 10 to 15 degrees across the horizon.



REGENT'S PARK TUE 18.12.97, 8.10pm
 A man saw a boomerang shaped object to the West at about 25 degrees elevation, moving West. It seemed to be moving slowly, and emitted a quiet hum. It had white lights which went out at one point. The object moved in an arc and was seen for about one minute.



REDBANK FRI 2.1.98, 10.00pm
 Two witnesses observed two golden orange lights moving quickly from East to West for 2 to 3 minutes. They followed the lights across the sky, using binoculars at times. No sound was heard.

RICHLANDS DRIVE IN, 31.12.97, 8.17pm
 A man observed a yellow light moving East to West below the clouds, making no noise, and showing no navigation lights. It moved in a straight line at constant altitude, and was observed for 10 minutes. Later, at Oxley, a neighbouring suburb, he saw a similar light, again moving East to West at aircraft type speed and without noise. The man has an association with aircraft, and was able to obtain information from Brisbane Air Traffic Control, that no aircraft were up at that time. He thought that the speed was too high for a balloon. The light was very bright and might have been a searchlight on a helicopter except for the dead silence. The second sighting was also about 10 minutes long.

IPSWICH SAT 10.1.98
 Three witnesses observed a flashing orange light which seemed to be positioned on the edge of a dark oval shadow. The object was below the clouds and seemed close. It was stationary when first seen and then moved West at aircraft speed. No noise was heard, and the incident lasted about three minutes.

RUSSELL ISLAND, JAN 1997;
 GELATIN (NEAR MOSSMANN), 1991
 A woman was awakened by her mother and saw a large orange ball of light over nearby trees. Thirty six other people also reported this sighting to a local paper which reported on the incident. The same witness and a daughter saw two balls of light in the paddock of their property in 1991 in Gelatin, far North Queensland, about 100 meters away. The following night they were seen again about 300 meters away at about 10 degrees elevation. On the third night, at about 2.30 am, the witness awoke to see the whole house lit up as if by the full moon, and saw a light about the size of a plate several meters away, floating past. While this went on, birds were screaming outside.

SLACKS CREEK WED 21.1.98, 10.15pm
 Three boys aged 10 and 11 saw a torpedo shaped object with its front lit up and little lights on its back, and a whitish yellow spotlight shining down, for about two minutes. The spotlight lit up the ground and moved about as if searching. The object had no wings, did not look like a plane, and produced a loud noise.

FOREST HILL (NEAR GATTON) MON 2.2.98
 A witness observed a bright flashing light to the West at about 45 degrees elevation for 20 to 30 minutes. At first the light looked like the headlight of an aircraft, and stars around it looked dull. While under observation the light moved North, flashed big bright orange, and blue red and green at other times. No associated sound was heard.

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HELECOPTER RESCUE SERVICE HAS
 TWO UFO ENCOUNTERS

Friday October 3, 1997.

It is reported that late Wednesday night October 1st, two Northern Rivers helicopter air crews, separately encountered unusual UFO type incidents while returning to Lismore from Brisbane. Pilots Wayne Fisher and Rob Hill were flying at 7000 feet in a clear night sky when their aircraft was suddenly fully lit up inside. The sudden burst of 'white light' was first thought to be lightning, but the sky was clear and the light came from above and to the rear of the aircraft. Fearing a collision with another aircraft, the pilot immediately radiced Brisbane Air Services. It was confirmed that "there is nothing within miles of you".

The previous Monday, 29th September, at around midnight, another Westpac flight crew returning from Brisbane watched the flight of an Unidentified Flying Object at a position south of Jacobs Well on the Gold Coast. The UFO had three bright lights evenly spaced along the side of it. The pilot said that "it seemed to be flat in appearance. It then tilted like an aircraft banking, then after about one minute disappeared from sight". A radio call to Brisbane again confirmed that no other aircraft were in the area.

Also reported on the Wednesday evening at about 10.45pm, a man and his 15 year old daughter were driving in the Ballina area when they saw a "very large, round metallic bright blue object shoot quickly across the night sky in four or five seconds".

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SOCIETY NEWS

The VUFORS Sightings Hotline is NOW AVAILABLE.

(03) 9506 7080

Please report your sightings to this number.

Note: This is NOT a 0055 or 1900 service. Your call is charged standard rates.

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AT THE JUNE 1st DISCUSSION EVENING

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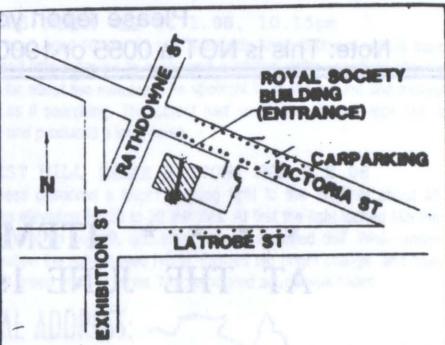
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For Your Diary

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SOCIETY HISTORY

1957

At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered - this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society - which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere - is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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